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The total package

Hotels, bars tout Obama-themed specials in hopes of cashing in

Chicago Tribune

Starting on Inauguration Day, well-heeled Barack Obama fans can drape themselves in an ultraluxurious Presidential Hometown Tour package, a two-day splurge at the Fairmont Chicago that will set them back \$8,244, plus taxes and tips.

The perks include two nights in the presidential suite, a 37th-floor flat decked out with all things Obama; a tour of Obama's favorite haunts in a chauffeur-driven Bentley; and dinner at Spiaggia, where Barack and Michelle Obama celebrated his historic election as the nation's 44th president.

The Fairmont package is one of many inauguration-linked festivities on tap in Chicago as hotels, restaurants, bars and party planners hustle to liven up a traditionally moribund season, made all the more so by the deep recession and the Arctic gusts this year. Other promotions range from \$2,009 "Barack and Roll" packages at the Hard Rock Hotel to \$4 O bomb cocktails at Moonshine, a Wicker Park watering hole.

The plethora of packages and parties, many of them listed on the city's newly launched tourism Web site, **explorechicago.org**, appear to be drawing some interest. But the payoff

WHAT'S THE DEAL?

Restaurants, bars and hotels are attempting to cash in on the inauguration of Barack Obama. A few examples follow:

Drinks

- » Margarita del Presidente, \$10, at Carnivale
- » Barack on the Rocks, \$5, at Stretch Run
- » O-bomb(a)s, \$4.40, at Poag Mahone's

Dias

- » Allegro, Burnham, Monaco Hotels: Presidential Preference rate, \$44 room-rate discount.
- » Four Seasons: Presidential Retreat Package, including Executive Power spa treatment, from \$470 per night.
- » Hard Rock Hotel: Two-night "Barack and Roll" package, featuring Pork Barrel Bacon & Eggs breakfast in bed, Ciroc Obama cocktails and a haircut by Obama's favorite barber, for \$2,009. METROMIX; COMPANY REPORTS

is expected to be modest for the hospitality industry.

The business boosts from the Super Bowl and Valentine's Day probably will outshine the inauguration festivities, said restaurant expert Ron Paul, president of Technomic Inc. "But if you can't get a home run, you go for singles," he said.

A number of local hotels say their new promotions are beginning to rake in takers. But no one had snapped up the \$2,009 package at the Hard Rock as of last week, and the Fairmont package doesn't launch until Tuesday.

The inauguration packages, most of which run through the winter, should boost occupancy rates slightly, said Brian Flanagan, president of Property Valuation Advisors. "But it's easy to beat the past January," he said, noting last year's occupancy rate downtown was 45.7 percent, according to Smith Travel Research.

And party planners are reporting some tough sledding, as people are reluctant to open their wallets and leave the warmth of their homes.

"If we sold 1,500 tickets, we'd jump up and down and call it a home run," said Karen Barrie, organizer of a benefit inaugural ball at the Aragon Ballroom, where tickets are \$65 in advance and \$75 at the door. The group was shooting for more than 2,000 attendees.

"We're looking for our sweet spot," said Barrie, who is hoping a blast of weekend promotions will help sales. "We need to get past the Arctic snap. ... We believe the desire is out there."

Peanut snacks recalled as precaution

Associated Press

The company that sells Little Debbie snacks announced a recall Sunday of peanut butter crackers because of a potential link to a deadly salmonella outbreak.

The voluntary recall came one day after the government advised consumers to avoid eating cookies, cakes, ice cream and other foods with peanut butter until health officials learn more about the contamination.

The announcement by McKee Foods Corp. of Collegedale, Tenn., about two kinds of Little Debbie products was the latest in a string of voluntary recalls following the most recent guidance by health officials.

McKee said it had not received any complaints about illnesses from people who ate any size peanut butter toasty sandwich crackers or peanut butter cheese sandwich crackers.

Officials are focusing on peanut paste, as well as peanut butter, produced at a Blakely, Ga., facility owned by Peanut Corp. of America.

So far, more than 470 people have gotten sick in 43 states, and at least 90 had to be hospitalized. At least six deaths are being blamed on the outbreak.

You gonna eat that?

Peanut butter joins a rogue's gallery of food at the center of recent food safety scares.

Jalapeno and serrano peppers

Last summer, a salmonella outbreak initially blamed on tomatoes was traced by the FDA to peppers being grown in Mexico.

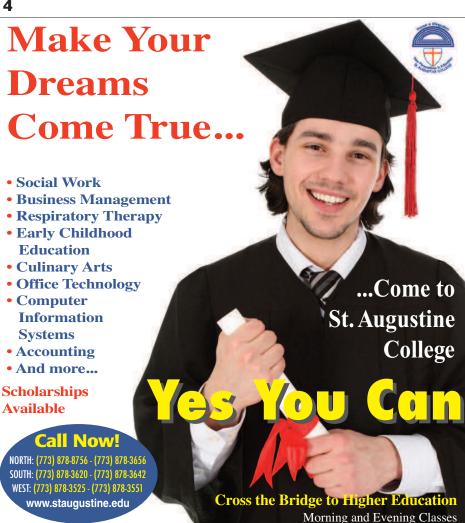
Beef

In 2007, Topps Meat Co. of New Jersey shut down after recalling 21.7 million pounds of ground beef that may have been contaminated with E. coli.

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An E. coli outbreak blamed for killing at least three in 2006 was traced to the bagged greens.





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Marshall and Jeff Samardzija hung

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Swayze's true grit

With all eyes on Patrick Swayze's health, Vincent Angell and Bill Rotko, the co-creators of Swayze's new A&E series "The Beast," announced at a news conference Wednesday night that Swayze is feeling "good," and they are optimistic he will return to the Windy City to film a second season this spring.

"I spoke to him right before I came to Chicago [Tuesday night]," Angell said at Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak & Stone Crab. "He's great. He sounds great. He is proud of what he's done."

Swayze, who is battling pancreatic cancer, recently was admitted to the hospital with pneumonia. Rotko and Angell said at the time that they expected Swayze to be released soon, and People magazine reported that Swayze checked out Friday, citing confirmation from the actor's rep.

Rotko said Swayze checked into the hospital as a "precautionary move" and that the pneumonia was not serious.

"He missed a day and a half of work in five months," Rotko said. "He's a tough son of a bitch."

"The Beast" premiered Thursday night, and the creators said Swayze was a perfect fit for the role of FBI agent Charles Barker.

"I said, 'Wow this guy can actually do this part,' and not only that, but he can change the way people view him," Rotko said. "Not that it was bad to view him from 'Dirty Dancing' and 'Ghost,' but [he] had always been the romantic lead and we wanted to turn him into something different."

During filming last year in Chicago, Swayze performed his own stunts and would not allow for a stunt double.

"He hit people, he shot a few people, he ran after people, he broke necks, he jumped off the sides of buildings, he jumped onto banisters," Angell said.

But it might never have happened in Chicago. The producers initially wanted to film in Washington, D.C., but found it too difficult. After doing some research, they discovered that the FBI has a huge presence in Chi-town. "Someone in the field office said it's the hub of the country," Angell said

Rotko and Angell said Swayze was looking forward to getting out of the hospital to do more interviews and promotion for the show.





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A day of service

In an effort to build on the civil rights preacher's legacy, Congress transformed Martin Luther King Jr. Day into a national day of community service back in 1994. The move was meant to inspire people to use the federal holiday to volunteer in the spirit of improving the lives of the less fortunate and bridging barriers through social service.

If you are looking for a way to spend this Martin Luther King Jr. holiday volunteering, go to **mlkday.gov.** Users should follow the links for "How to Serve" and select their state for the array of volunteer opportunities available Monday.

CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a federal holiday. The following services will be affected:

Schools: Chicago Public Schools will be closed. Most suburban schools will be closed; check with each local district.

Government offices: Federal, state, county and city offices will be closed.

Postal service: All post offices will be closed, and only express mail will be delivered.

Courts: Federal, state and county courts will be closed, with the exception of Cook County Central Bond Court.

Banks: Most banks will be closed.

Financial markets: At the Chicago Board of Trade and Chicago Mercantile Exchange, all floor trading will be closed. Electronic trading will resume at normal evening times.

Parking: Chicago meters must be fed

Libraries: All branches of the Chicago Public Library will be closed.

Transit: Pace, Metra and CTA will operate on regular weekday schedules.



Ron Wilcek (center) and Jimmy V'Antonio (left) last week repair a pothole on the 4000 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. José M. OSORIO/ TRIBUNE

Surface neglect

Repairs of streets, now full of potholes, stalled over lack of funding

Chicago Tribune

There's a reason drivers say it literally feels like the roads here are in much worse shape: The resurfacing of arterial streets in Chicago has ground almost to a halt since 2006 because of a cutoff in funding for capital projects like road repair by the state.

City transportation officials vow to attack the problem starting this spring, yet the deferred maintenance will continue to take a huge toll on motorists navigating pothole-pocked roads during the remainder of the Chicago area's second consecutive harsh winter.

Driving conditions are just as poor on streets that are the responsibility of the state and county highway departments in the city and the suburbs.

As a result, transportation officials in Chicago, the suburbs and Illinois are working hard to identify roads that most urgently require repairs because of the damaging erup-

TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

Chicago's residential street resurfacing program, which is paid for by the city, has operated as usual, said Brian Steele, CDOT spokesman. About 500 blocks of streets, or 60 miles, are retopped each year, he said.

tion of potholes. The survey of road conditions will be completed next month, officials said.

"We have watched our streets deteriorate, and there is a direct correlation with the number of potholes we are filling each year," said Brian Steele, spokesman for the Chicago Department of Transportation.

CDOT crews repaired about 400,000 potholes from December 2007 through April 2008, and this past December's workload was just as heavy as a year ago, Steele said.

2008, and this past December's workload was just as heavy as a year ago, Steele said. The Illinois Department of Transportation has revamped its 2009 roadway maintenance

plan, and it expects to launch what officials call

a "repair assault" in early spring when plants that produce hot asphalt reopen, officials said.

But there is a major hitch. While some money is being transferred for the road repair within the IDOT budget, available funding is not nearly enough to issue all the resurfacing contracts that are needed, officials said.

So officials are counting on new state and federal funding, including money from the economic recovery package emerging from Washington, to wage one of the most aggressive patching programs in recent memory.

"We have the money to fill potholes, so I want to assure drivers that everywhere there is a pothole we will be out there working," said Diane O'Keefe, IDOT chief engineer in the Chicago region. "But we currently have a resurfacing program that is trimmed to the bone. How much work gets done this year and in fiscal 2010 will depend on what happens with the stimulus package."

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Teenager charged in salesman's death

A South Side teen was charged with first-degree murder in the April slaying of a traveling shoe salesman, Chicago police said Sunday. The murder charge was filed against Quintin Lewis, 17, whom police suspect in the shooting death of 32-year-old Otis Townsend III. Townsend went to the 8200 block of South Aberdeen Street to make a sale, police said. Armed with a handgun, Lewis approached Townsend, who was sitting in his yellow Hummer, and announced a robbery, police said.

Metra North Central Line back in service Monday

Commuter service on Metra's North Central Line will be back to normal on Monday after a freight-train derailment early Friday shut down the tracks, piling up 17 cars and angering thousands of riders stranded in the bitter cold. "We're good to go," said Metra spokesman Michael Gillis. Canadian National Railway officials, meanwhile, were still unable to say what caused the predawn derailment in Buffalo Grove.

Marchers mark Roe v. Wade decision

About 100 people took part Sunday in the fourth annual "March for Life in Chicago," marking the U.S. Supreme Court's Jan. 22, 1973, Roe v. Wade decision making abortion legal. Similar events across the nation are leading up to Thursday's main march in Washington. In Chicago on Sunday, participants carried signs and said prayers during a walk from Holy Name Cathedral on State Street to the Water Tower.

Man stabbed in neck outside Albany Park bar

A 25-year-old man was stabbed in the neck outside a bar Sunday morning in Albany Park. The incident involved the victim and two other people, all of whom apparently were involved in an argument inside the Station Bar & Grill, 2916 W. Irving Park Rd., police

Teenager shot in Little Village

A 16-year-old boy was critically wounded early Sunday in a shooting in Little Village that may have been gang-related, Chicago police said. Shortly after 12:30 a.m., the boy was with three friends near West 24th Street and South Albany Avenue when four or five shots rang out. The boy was shot in the back and his friends, who were not hurt, then dragged him into a nearby gangway.



State Rep. John Fritchey snuggles Sunday with Chloe, a cocker spaniel who was rescued from a puppy mill, as Paige Vogelzang holds the puppy. CHUCK BERMAN/TRIBUNE

Law would crack down on abusive puppy mills

Animal welfare activists and State Rep. John Fritchey (D-Chicago) met Sunday at an animal shelter in Lincoln Park to announce a proposed law aimed at cracking down on abusive puppy mills.

The bill is called Chloe's Bill after a young female dog named Chloe who was rescued from a filthy, unlicensed puppy mill in downstate Macon County.

"This isn't something that should be considered radical," Fritchey said. "It's decent."

Puppy mills take a factory-like approach to animal breeding: maximum puppy output with minimal cost and care, Fritchey said. He noted that's in contrast to many reliable breeders, who take loving care of animals and breed only a few dogs at a time.

WIDESPREAD PROBLEM

PAWS Chicago, the no-kill shelter that hosted Sunday morning's event and arranged adoptions for about 3,000 animals last year, estimates that about 500,000 puppies a year sold in the U.S. came from puppy mills.

But customers aren't always given the details they need to know the difference, a problem he believes the legislation would solve.

Chloe, the only surviving member of her litter at the puppy mill, is now 6 months old and attended the news conference wearing a collar and a large bow.

The young spaniel affectionately snuggled into the arms of her owner, Roy Austin, who heads animal control in Macon County.

Services set for toddler who died at day care

Funeral services for the toddler who died from head injuries allegedly sustained at a Lincolnshire day-care center last week are scheduled for Wednesday, according to a funeral official.

Benjamin Kingan, a 16-monthold boy from Deerfield, died after he allegedly was slammed to the floor by teacher's assistant Melissa Calusinski because the toddler was noisy, police said. Calusinski, 22, of Carpentersville, was charged with two counts of first-degree murder and ordered held in lieu of \$5 million bail.

Authorities were called to the Minee Subee in the Park day-care center Wednesday afternoon. They found Benjamin not breathing, with blood coming from his mouth, said Steve Scheller, chief of felony review at the Lake County state's attorney's office.

An autopsy Thursday showed Benjamin's skull was fractured and there was massive bleeding inside his head, Scheller said.

He said that the doctor who performed the autopsy believes the injuries were caused by blunt-force trauma and that "that kind of force is consistent with the child being dropped from a one- or two-story building to the ground."

"It would take a significant amount of trauma to cause this injury," Lake County Coroner Richard Keller said.

"A child falling even from the height of a shoulder, in and of itself, would not cause this. It takes a much higher fall or an adult exerting pressure on a child as they are thrown to the floor."

Police warn of counterfeit money

Chicago police were looking for at least two people suspected of using counterfeit money in small retail stores.

One of the suspects would typically enter a store and make a purchase with a "large denomination" counterfeit bill, police said Sunday afternoon in an alert issued to businesses

"When a major purchase is transacted an additional offender returns to the location to exchange the item with the receipt for currency," the alert stated.

All bills recovered by police have the same serial number.

WHAT TO DO

Police urge the public to take the following measures if they receive counterfeit currency:

- >> Immediately inspect all serial numbers.
- >> Physically manipulate the texture of the bill.
- >> Authentic currency does not "bleed" onto borders/edges.
- >> Do not return the money. Delay the passer while obtaining a description of that person. Call 911.



Obama can't curb lobbyists' presence

Chicago Tribune

President-elect Obama has said he does not want to use special interest money to pay for inaugural events, but the lobbyists are coming anyway. The calendar is chock full of parties, receptions, brunches, breakfasts, lunches, dinners and prayer services, many and perhaps most designed to bring those who need influence into contact with those who wield it.

A running and incomplete tally of official and unofficial inaugural events kept by a Washington lobbyist runs to 41 pages with at least 206 events crammed into the week that began Jan. 14.

Obama's ban on money directly from lobbyists, corporations, political action committees and labor unions affects only official inaugural events overseen by the Presidential Inaugural Committee, a small subset of all the events. And it allows individuals who may be associated with those causes to donate up to \$50,000, or "bundle" as much as \$300,000.

More than three-quarters of the \$35 million donated by last week toward the target of \$45 million was raised by bundlers, according to an analysis by the non-partisan watchdog group Public Citizen.

Among them are executives from at least a half dozen embattled Wall Street firms including Citigroup, Goldman Sachs and the bankrupt Lehman Brothers, the analysis showed.

Obama should be lauded for curbing special interest money and being more open about disclosing who is giving, but "what they ought to do is push for public funding to make sure a small group of people doesn't get special access," said David Arkush of Public Citizen.

Inaugural committee spokeswoman Linda Douglass said the donations are from personal bank accounts and not corporate coffers, adding that the Obama team's "transparency is unprecedented."



Various trucks are seen at the White House last week as preparations continue for Tuesday's inauguration of Barack Obama. AP

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OBAMA'S FIRST DAY TO INCLUDE PRAYER, MEETING ON IRAQ

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Although he may not get to bed before 3 a.m., Barack Obama plans to make his first full day as president a jam-packed affair of prayer, diplomacy, war discussions and welcoming hundreds of visitors to the White House.

Obama has deliberately raised Wednesday's symbolic importance, citing various things he would do on "Day One" of his administration.

Perhaps no one will be watching more intently than antiwar activists who backed Obama from the start because of his promise to extract U.S. forces from Iraq, a conflict that has lasted nearly six years.

He said in July: "I intend to end this war. My first day in office, I will bring the Joint Chiefs of Staff in, and I will give them a new mission, and that is to end this war responsibly and deliberately but decisively."

That's just what Obama will do on Wednesday, said a top adviser, noting that the meeting also will include military commanders and aides outside the Joint Chiefs. The adviser would speak only on condition of anonymity because the Wednesday meeting has not been formally announced.

Wednesday's meeting seems likely to thrust the Iraq war back into the political spotlight. But it will consume only part of a busy day.

The new president will start the day at Washington's

IF WE RAN THE SHOW ...

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our rise to power. Wait, wrong Republic ...

National Cathedral for the National Prayer Service, which dates to George Washington's time. His office said Friday that he and his wife, Michelle, will welcome "hundreds of special guests" on "day one, when we open the doors of the White House to you." (Ticket-seekers were directed to the Web site pic2009.org/dayone.)

Obama recently told USA Today that he will assemble a team "on Day One" to deal with violence in Gaza and other Middle East problems.

It's possible that Obama will make a few official acts Tuesday afternoon, in the time between his inaugural parade and his stops at the 10 inaugural balls with his wife. The dancing could last until 2:30 a.m. or later.

FIRST DAY TWITTERS

Here's what RedEye's Twitter followers had to say about what Obama should do on his first day in office.

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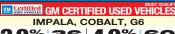




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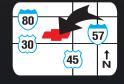
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Boy killed at truck show

Debris flew into the grandstands at a monster truck show in Tacoma, Wash., killing a 6year-old boy and injuring another spectator, witnesses and city officials said Saturday.

After-party stabbing

Police say four men were stabbed Saturday at a New York City nightclub advertising an afterparty for the premiere of "Notorious" about rapper Biggie Smalls.

Bar cameras?

Authorities in Center, N.D., want bar owners to install surveillance systems after a rash of brawls that some people liken to those seen in John Wavne's Western movies. Owners say the cameras would infringe on patrons' rights.

Bird flu returns

A 2-year-old girl in northern China has tested positive for bird flu and is in critical condition. It's the second case of human infection. in a month.

Leaving Gitmo

The U.S. Department of Defense announced Saturday that it transferred six detainees out of Guantanamo, leaving about 245 at the offshore prison as Presidentelect Obama prepares to take office.

Hair apparent

An elderly woman in Boynton Beach, Fla., drove her car into a man on a scooter and continued on to her hair appointment, police said. She was arrested Thursday on charges of leaving the scene of a

Downed jet hoisted from Hudson River

NEW YORK The airliner that was piloted to a safe landing in the Hudson River was resting on a barge Sunday after being hoisted out of the icy current, and its two "black box" data recorders were on their way to investigators in Washington.

The aircraft was slowly lifted from the frigid water at the southern tip of Manhattan late Saturday, exposing its shredded underbelly that dropped pieces of metal as a crane maneuvered it in the darkness.

Capt. Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger, speaking to NTSB investigators for the first time Saturday, said he made a split-second decision to put down in the river rather than risk a "catastrophic" crash in a populated area of New York City or New Jersey after birds knocked out both engines.

On Sunday morning, police and Coast Guard boats patrolled the water around the barge holding the plane.

The NTSB said radar data confirmed that the aircraft crossed the path of a group of "primary targets," almost certainly birds, as Flight 1549 climbed over the Bronx after taking off from LaGuardia Airport.

Sullenberger recounted seeing his windshield filled with big, dark-brown birds.

"His instinct was to duck," National Transportation Safety Board member Kitty Higgins said, recounting their interview. Then there was a thump, the smell of burning birds, and silence as both aircraft engines cut out.









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REMEMBER WHEN?

The most attention paid to the Cardinals since moving to Arizona in 1988 came on a sad note—when star safety Pat Tillman suddenly retired in 2002 to join the Army Rangers, and he later was killed in Afghanistan. "It's been a tough

number of years here in Arizona," Coach Ken Whisenhunt admitted.

Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. Down and out for decades, the Arizona Cardinals have turned a bad joke into a Super Bowl-bound team.

Yes, the Cardinals, founding members of the NFL, but historically among the most dysfunctional of franchises, are heading for the championship game in Tampa.

Capitalizing on Larry Fitzgerald's three first-half touchdown receptions, then coolly marching downfield to Kurt Warner's 8-yard scoring pass to rookie Tim Hightower with 2:53 left, they beat the Philadelphia Eagles 32-25 on Sunday for the NFC championship.

"I want to say Arizona Cardinals

and Super Bowl in the same sentence," a jubilant Warner said. "The Arizona Cardinals in the Super Bowl. How about it?" Arizona (12-7) will face Pittsburgh in two weeks in Tampa for the NFL title.

"To make it to the Super Bowl and to have a chance, an opportunity to win it, you relish those moments in your career," said safety Adrian Wilson, the longest-tenured

Tough times don't faze Super Bowl

The Super Bowl is on track to remain one big, glitzy bash even in these tough economic times.

Some stalwarts, such as General Motors and FedEx, won't be advertising on the Feb. 1 broadcast. But aggressive marketing by NBC to secure ad deals before September's financial meltdown helped to ensure Super Bowl XLIII—expected to attract around 100 million viewers—won't be a marketing bust.

NBC said 90 percent of the Super Bowl ads had sold as of mid-January. Most ads sold for about \$3 million per 30-second

But the tone of some ads this year will reflect tough times. As Tim Calkins, marketing professor at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, puts it: A good ad connects with its audience. And that audience is stressed about finances.

"We know consumers are concerned about their future earnings," said Joel Ewanick, vice president of marketing at Hyundai's Fountain Valley, Calif.-based American division. Hyundai bought two 30-second spots.

Longtime Super Bowl patron Anheuser-Busch, however, said it wants its ads to uplift and entertain viewers instead of reminding them about the economy. AP

Cardinal. "This being my eighth year, and to be in this organization at this time with these players and these coaches, it's a great moment."

Donovan McNabb was superb in leading Philadelphia's second-half rally from 18 points down to a 25-24 lead, but after Hightower's score, he misfired from midfield four times in the final moments.

If the Cardinals, the first No. 4 seed to host a conference championship game, were supposed to be thunderstruck by their surroundings, they instead responded like playoff veterans.

Sure, they blew that 24-6 halftime lead. But then the 37-year-old Warner, a Super Bowl MVP from almost a decade ago with the St. Louis Rams, engineered a precise, 72-yard drive to

win it with his fourth TD pass of the day.

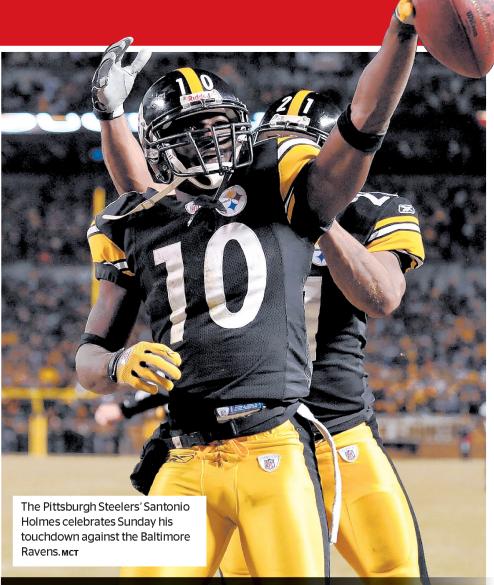
He finished the comeback with the 8-yard pass to Hightower, then hit Ben Patrick for the 2-point conversion.

"The demeanor in the huddle didn't change at all," Fitzgerald said. "The guys were focused and ready to go. You could see the look in guys' eyes. Nobody wanted to be the guy who let this team down. Everybody did their job when we needed them to do it."

But the key was the unstoppable Fitzgerald, who had nine receptions for 152 yards, including two big catches on the decisive drive. The All-Pro set a single postseason record with 419 yards receiving, surpassing the great Jerry Rice. And Fitzgerald has one more game to go—in the Super Bowl.

Can you imagine?

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Steelers' D leads way

PITTSBURGH The Steelers outhit the Ravens and outplayed them behind a steady-as-he-goes Ben Roethlisberger, marching into the Super Bowl behind a defense that brought back memories of their storied Steel Curtain.

Pittsburgh ended its AFC championship game home-field

jinx by beating Baltimore 23-14 on Sunday, and Troy Polamalu ended any chance the Ravens had for a comeback with a 40-yard interception return for a touchdown.

The matchup is intriguing—Mike Tomlin vs. the Cardinals' Ken Whisenhunt, the offensive coordinator when the Steelers won the Super Bowl three seasons ago who went to Arizona only after being passed over for Pittsburgh's

Whisenhunt and his top assistant, Russ Grimm, left after the Steelers unexpectedly hired Tomlin, who has done something even

STEELERS 23, **RAVENS 14**

SUPER BOWL Pittsburgh vs. Arizona 5 p.m. Feb. 1, NBC

Chuck Noll and Bill Cowher couldn't do by taking Pittsburgh to the Super Bowl in his second season.

The Steelers harassed rookie Joe Flacco all game long. Normally unflappable, he looked lost at times and finished 13-for-30 for 141 yards and three costly interceptions.

Roethlisberger, picked off four times by New England in his rookie-year AFC title game, was a steady 16-of-33 for 255 yards, and most importantly, no interceptions, showing how much experience can matter in a game so big.

After Polamalu's twisting, turning, zigzagging run sealed it with 4:39 to play, Steelers fans began singing "Pittsburgh's going to the Super Bowl!"—and the franchise is, for a seventh time.

Only the Steelers, 49ers and Cowboys have won five Super Bowls, and Pittsburgh can be the first to win six. AP

The Whizzer Report

I'm no Nostradamus, but I do an all-right job predicting sporting events. Take this weekend, for example. Two NFL playoff games, two fairly accurate playoff predictions. Here's the rundown.



Pittsburgh vs. Baltimore

What happened: Pittsburgh 23, Baltimore 14 What Whizzer said: Pittsburgh 14, Baltimore 10 Accuracy: A defensive battle was easy to predict. Too easy.



Arizona vs. Philadelphia

What happened: Arizona 32, Philadelphia 25 What Whizzer said: Arizona 40, Philadelphia 29 Accuracy: The Cards dominated the first half but had to come back at the end to prove me right. Two-for-two this week.

The Whizzer Challenge

In Friday's RedEye, I asked readers to try to outdo my predictions, and I had guite a few take me up on my offer. No one, however, called both games correctly. Special kudos go out to Steven Holman, however, who correctly picked Arizona to win, and he was close on his score prediction: 31-24.

In our Cards

Bears fans have a Super Bowl team to root for after all: The Chicago Cardinals. At least that's what Arizona was called until 1959.

On the Fitz

The Philadelphia Eagles must have had a short circuit or something. They kept covering Arizona's Larry Fitzgerald one on one. Fail.

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QB envy

You know you're a desperate Bears fan when Kurt Warner and Donovan McNabb look like Dan Marino and Peyton Manning.

Slice of Pie

6 I can't believe the Cubs gave up on Felix Pie already. They only gave him, like, three years to get it right.

Monday matinee

7 The Bulls play at noon today, a Martin Luther

King Jr. Day game in New York. What a way to ruin a day off.

Time out

Former Bull and current Knicks guard Chris Duhon used to play basketball with Barack Obama. I wonder if he was late to those games?

Wild win

Northwestern beat its first ranked team in almost three years Sunday. Cue Whizkers in 3, 2, 1...

CAT CALL

By Whizkers

Whizzer might have thought I had gone away for good, but I just got preoccupied playing with some discarded Christmas boxes. Talk about fun! Anyhow, my Wildcats

showed Minnesota how Big Ten ball is played. We're back, baby! The Feline Revolution will be televised. Oh, look, a ball of wadded-up wrapping paper under the couch ...





"What a good catch by Hank

Baskett." So said a Fox broadcaster. I assume he wasn't talking about his fiance Kendra Wilkinson, formerly of Playboy.

Moore Separated at birth?

Credit to Dr. Fantasy for this one. Eagles coach Andy Reid. Filmmaker Michael Moore.



Catch Marc Silverman of the "Waddle & Silvy" show from 9 a.m. to noon weekdays on ESPN's WMVP (1000-AM) and espnradio1000.com.

TOPIC

What to you is worth \$3 million for 30 seconds?

How do Bears fans rationalize this year's Super Bowl matchup?

Scott is a big Steelers fan. What have you got to say to him?

The Cubs finally parted ways with Felix Pie. How will you remember him?

Why did more than 138,000 turn out to watch Lance Armstrong on Sunday?

SCOTT KLEINBERG skleinberg@tribune.com

Funny. I didn't think I was allowed to talk about that here.

They figure: "Cubs never make it. Bears don't have to work that hard."

Now to bribe someone to get Super Bowl Sunday off. Oh, Rex ... C'mere a minute.

As the guy who always made me hungry, even though that's not how you say his name.

Because those yellow bracelets are actually mind-controllers. They had no choice.

BRIAN MOORE brmoore@tribune.com

I think it's sad the first thing I thought of was a World Series game at Wrigley Field.

The comforting words of Lovie Smith saying the Bears are "close" should suffice until September.

I don't even know you anymore.

He's the guy that made Corey Patterson look downright talented.

In their defense, there's not a lot to do in Australia.

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Without getting into specifics, it involves Megan Fox and super glue.

By letting Lovie Smith call the shot they drink.

My God, man, I hope this makes up for having to root for the Pirates.

As the guy who no doubt will realize his great potential with someone else.

They were promised free urine testing, and an offer like that doesn't come around every day.

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Experiencing the best part of a night with Lindsay Lohan.

The spirit of George Halas finally lets former Chicago Cardinals have their moment in the sun.

I'm sorry. Not that you're a Steelers fan, but that you're from Pittsburgh.

How my homage to the Shawon-o-meter, the "Pie Chart," never quite took off.

Sheryl Crow concerts used to break out in his wake.

MARC SILVERMAN redeyesports@tribune.com

You're looking at him. And ladies, it could be the best 30 seconds of your life.

How does Bill Bidwell rationalize dressing like it's still 1947?

In case you don't know, and Carolina and Philly didn't, Larry Fitzgerald is good cover him!

Are you asking about Felix Patterson or Corey Pie?

The race was blacked out on TV.

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IHOMETOWN HITS



The Cubs finally lost patience with former prized prospect Felix Pie, trading the outfielder to the Baltimore Orioles on Sunday for left-

hander Garrett Olson and minor-league pitcher Henry Williamson. The 23-year-old Pie hit .241 in 43 games with the Cubs last season after batting .287 in 85 games with Triple-A lowa. Pie has a .299 career batting average in 628 minorleague games. He made his major-league debut in April 2007.



NORTHWESTERN 74, NO. 18 MINNESOTA 65

Craig Moore slammed the ball in frustration and yelled at a teammate

as they headed to a timeout, his frustration boiling over in the early going. By the end, he was all smiles. Moore hit six 3-pointers and finished with 22 points to lead Northwestern over No. 18 Minnesota 74-65 on Sunday for its first win against a ranked opponent in nearly three years. "We knew we were capable," Moore said. "We just had to finish it."



ILLINOIS STATE 68, MISSOURI ST. 56

Emmanuel Holloway and Lloyd Phillips each had 15 points and five

assists apiece to lead Illinois State in a 68-56 victory over Missouri State on Sunday.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

» Southern Illinois 68, Bradley 62

CYCLING

Armstrong pedals again

ADELAIDE, Australia Lance Armstrong made a cautious return to professional cycle racing Sunday, finishing 64th among 133 riders in a 30-mile criterium in downtown Adelaide. More than 138,000 people watched Armstrong return from three years of retirement and begin a campaign to win his eighth Tour de France. He stayed well back in a tight field throughout Sunday's race on a winding circuit, following team instructions to avoid any chance of crashing ahead of Tuesday's start of the Tour Down Under.

SPEEDSKATING

Chicagoan Davis wins title

Shani Davis of Chicago set a track record Sunday to win the 1.000 meters and clinch the title at the sprint speedskating world championships in Moscow. "I knew after yesterday, I had a lot of work to do," said Davis, fourth in the standings Saturday. "But



I stayed positive and



OBAMAS SPORTS WORK WANTS IN ON THE ACTION **SPORTS WORLD**

WASHINGTON Hall of Fame coach John Thompson calls it "the greatest thing to happen to African-Americans since the Emancipation Proclamation," and there's no way he's going to

"It hasn't been able to seep in," the longtime Georgetown college basketball coach told The Associated Press. "I will have tears in my eyes when that boy raises his hand."

From Tiger Woods to Muhammad Ali, Dave Winfield to Dikembe Mutombo, a sports world that has paid more attention to politics than usual the last few months wants to be part of the party when Barack Obama is inaugurated as the nation's first black president Tuesday.

"The Emancipation Proclamation freed our bodies," said Thompson, referring to Abraham Lincoln's landmark document that sought to free slaves in the rebellious South in 1863. "This emancipation frees our minds to know there's no limits as to what you can accomplish. Sometimes the mental incarceration is worse than the physical."

Woods has been as apolitical as they come, keeping his views firmly to himself during his rise to become the world's top golfer. It was only after Obama's election in November that Woods expressed his excitement over "a person of color in the White House."

On Sunday, however, he was part of the celebration, speaking in front of the Lincoln

Memorial as part of the inauguration festivities.

Woods' two-minute speech during the We Are One concert paid tribute to the military and referenced his father, Earl Woods, who did two tours

better person for it," Woods said.

gathered on the National Mall to "always stand by and support the men and women in uniform and



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LeBron James in the NFL? That's what I saw during a commercial during the Arizona-Philadelphia game on Sunday. That got me thinking: Which sport has the best all-around athletes? What do you think? Text "whiz" and your response, followed by your name and neighborhood to 47383. I'll report the results in Tuesday's RedEye. Here now, my TV picks.





AT NEW YORK

Noon WGN Talk about a wretched wake-up call. What? Don't you sleep until noon?





MINNESOTA AT BLACKHAWKS

7 p.m. VERSUS A wild game here. Get it? Minnesota is the Wild. Eh, forget it.

COLLEGE TEXAS A&M AT KANSAS

8 p.m. ESPN RedEye's Jimmy Greenfield is a big Jayhawks fan. I'm not.



HEADED TO THE WHITE (SOX) HOUSE

Barack Obama's Chicago baseball team of choice, the White Sox, will celebrate Tuesday's inauguration with a viewing party at U.S. Cellular Field for front-office staffers and special guests from the community. The team also will offer their congratulations on a sign on U.S. Cellular Field and on the Dan Ryan Expressway message board. Team mascot Southpaw, on the other hand, is headed to Washington, D.C., to ride on Illinois' float in Tuesday's Presidential Inauguration Parade.

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"I am the son of a man who dedicated his life to his country, family and the military, and I'm a

Woods told the many thousands their families."



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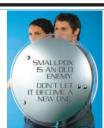
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This research is part of a national program to develop a safe and effective vaccine for the smallpox virus as well as other future vaccines that are not currently available. Unlike previous vaccines, this new smallpox vaccine contains a weakened virus that can't grow or replicate in humans.

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The Morse Theatre

1328 Morse Ave. 773-654-5100 **Tune In:** A jumbo screen
rebroadcasts Obama's swearing-in
ceremony as well as highlights from
his presidential campaign and video
clips of Martin Luther King Jr.'s most
famous speeches. Stick around for
live music from the Dee Alexander
jazz quartet and a new work from
composers Elbio Barilari and Kahil
El'Zabar.

Toast with: Cash bar drinks, such as \$5 pints of Beamish Irish Stout **When:** 6 p.m.

Price: No cover

Kit Kat Lounge & Supper Club

3700 N. Halsted St. 773-525-1111 **Tune in:** Watch party coverage on five screens and get tarot readings for \$15. The Kit Kat Divas perform. **Toast with:** Champagne (hosted bar 5:30-8:30 p.m.) and \$5 martinis

When: 5:30 p.m. **Price:** \$25

C-View

166 E. Superior St. 312-523-0923 **Tune in:** Feed your party spirit with free canapes (6-8 p.m.) and live jazz from the Josh Burke Duo (7-9 p.m.). **Toast with:** \$10 themed cocktails including the Bon Voyage (Torre Gaia Asprinio, St. Germain liqueur and soda) and The All-American (Maker's Mark, vanilla maple syrup and lemon).

When: 5 p.m. Price: No cover

Parkway Ballroom

4455 S. King Drive. 773-373-4320 **Tune in:** Get out your fancy clothes for this optional-black-tie gala and watch live Webcasts from inaugural balls in D.C., plus looped footage of the inauguration ceremony.

Toast with: Hosted Grey Goose cocktails

When: 6 p.m.

Price: \$50. R.S.V.P. required: **bronzevilleaer.eventbrite.com**

Dugan's Drinking Emporium

128 S. Halsted St. 312-421-7191 **Tune In:** Mingle with red-leaning locals and DuPage County State's Atty. Joe Birkett over appetizers. **Toast with:** Hosted cocktails and a

side of tears

When: 5:30 p.m. **Price:** \$20-\$50, free for Chicago Young Republican members

The Silver Room

1442 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-278-7130

Tune In: Watch inauguration coverage while you shop: all inventory is 20 percent off. At 7 p.m., play pundit while dancing to DJ Tone Be.nibble. Bonus: BYO shirt or buy one there to have it imprinted with a special inaugural design.

Toast with: Coffee before 7 p.m., hosted beer and wine after

When: 10 a.m. Price: No cover

DuSable Museum of African-American History

740 E. 56th Pl. 773-947-0600

Tune in: Start the festivities with a continental breakfast, then watch the swearing-in ceremony live on a big screen, followed by lunch.

Toast with: Save the boozing

for later When: 9 a.m. Price: \$10-\$44

Moonshine Restaurant & Bar

1824 W. Division Ave. 773-862-8686 **Tune in:** Watch a rebroadcast of the swearing-in ceremony and Obama's first speech as president while grazing on a free buffet of chili, hot dogs and sliders.

Toast with: \$4 O-bombs (Bacardi O and Red Bull) and Old Biden's (Maker's Mark and grenadine)

When: 6 p.m. Price: No cover

David Burke's Primehouse

55 E. Ontario St. 312-660-6000 **Tune In:** Try free food samples from the new small bites menu while catching coverage of the afternoon's events on TVs in the lobby bar.

Toast with: \$5 mini-cocktails **When:** 5 p.m. **Price:** No cover

Bull & Bear

431 N. Wells St. 773-290-5867

Tune in: Check out the new bar two days before its grand opening while snacking on half-price appetizers at this benefit for UCAN.

Toast with: Hosted wine and premium vodka cocktails

When: 6 p.m.

Price: \$25. R.S.V.P. required: **ucanchicago.org**

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MONDAY FREEBIE

Story time

Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St. 312-642-4600.

History is in the

making this week in a really, really big way. Kick things off at the museum's Dr. **Martin Luther** King Jr. Day Celebration, honoring the life and legacy of Dr. King with performances by the Loyola University Chicago Gospel Choir, storytelling and a recitation of his famous "I Have A Dream" speech. Includes access to all exhibits. 11 a.m.

On your feet

Angels & Kings, 710 N. Clark St. 312-482-8600.

Tomorrow, Barack Obama takes his first steps as the 44th U.S. president. Tonight, Clandestine Industries unveils a new **Obama Force 1 sneaker**. Whether or not you're able to witness the swearing-in ceremony in D.C., you're invited to give a sole-full salute to the kicks, and maybe score some new Clandestine Obama gear to take home. With DJ White Shadow and Major Taylor. 10 p.m. No cover.

Change is good

David Burke's Primehouse, 616 N. Rush St. 312-660-6000.

Change is in the air, from the innermost offices of the White House to your office lunch hour. David Burke's Primehouse jumps on board with an Obama-inspired upgrade to its weekly lunch deal (free appetizers and dessert with entree purchase) with a special **\$20.09 three-course lunch**. On the menu: dry-aged steaks, king salmon, shrimp salad and more. II a.m. Through Friday.

Cake walk

DuSable Museum of African-American History, 740 E. 56th Pl. 773-947-0600. Paying homage to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is a sweet affair at the museum's **Martinmas Day Celebration**. Eat cake and watch short films and performances from M.A.D.D. Rhythms, The Kings of Poetry, plus live music by Joan Collaso and The United States Naval Academy Gospel Choir, among others. 10 a.m. \$5-\$8.

Spam-tastic

Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Congress Pkwy. 312-902-1400.

As canned meat and unsolicited e-mail, spam raises eyebrows but little interest. As a musical, Spam raises audiences to their feet. See what all the fuss is about as "Monty Python's Spamalot" returns to Chicago with thespian Richard Chamberlain in the role of King Arthur. The production kicks off a limited engagement on Tuesday. 8 p.m. Through Feb. 1. \$25-\$90.

Nontrivial pursuits

The Coach House, 950 W. Wolfram St. 773-665-5660.

The classic trivia night gets a refreshing twist at Lakeview lounge The Coach House, where **Twisted Trivia** kicks off Wednesday. Flip a coin for a half-price drink (tails wins) and munch free pizza. The winning team scores \$100 cash; topics cover pop culture, sports, music and general interest. Plan your dream team of between two and eight people now. 7 p.m. No cover.

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Thursday

7PM: Complimentary Food Pairings with Wine Tasting 8PM: Trivia Night -Free to play, Prizes to win! \$3.00 Guinness & Harp Drafts, 1/2 off Cheese Burgers Friday \$3.00 Coors Lights \$5.00 Effen Black Cherry Drinks Free Pizza from 5PM - 6PM 1/2 off Large Pizzas

Saturday & Sunday: \$3.00 Miller Lites, \$4.00 Mimosas 11AM - 5PM Rock Star Brunch \$5 burgers with sides, \$7 Bud Light pitchers, Monday Night Football; 2916 N. Broadway. 773-975-7000.

BLUE BAYOU

\$3 SoCo Lime shots, \$3 Flying Dog Pale Ale drafts; 3734 N. Southport Ave. 773-871-3300.

BUTTERFLY SOCIAL CLUB

7:30 p.m.: Mental Graffiti Poetry Set. The poetry collective hosts an open mic featuring nationally and locally recognized spoken word artists and slam poets. Also, get \$3 Half Acre Ales and \$5 vodka cocktails. \$5 (21+); 722 W. Grand Ave. 312-666-1695.

CELTIC CROWN

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\$4 drafts, two-for-one wings at The Fifty/50; 2047 W. Division St. 773-

\$5 Jameson and Corzo tequila cocktails,

THE COPA

\$3 Finlandia bombs, \$10 Bud buckets; 1637 N. Clybourn Ave. 312-642-3449.

THE DUGOUT

25 cent wings, \$3 Captain Morgan drinks; 950 W. Addison St. 773-281-4213.

EVIL OLIVE

Rehab. \$2 PBR cans, \$5 Svedka cocktails. \$3 after midnight; 1551 W. Division St. 773-235-9100.

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\$5 glasses of sangria: 4806 N. Broadway. 773-769-4244.

GANNON'S PUB

\$2.50 Miller Lite, MGD and High Life bottles, \$4.50 sandwiches with fries; 4264 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-281-1007.

GARRETT RIPLEY'S

\$4 drafts; 712 N. Clark St. 312-642-2900.

HAMBURGER MARY'S

Ham-Bingo Mary's. Bingo games 8 p.m.-10 p.m., \$2 Jell-O shots, \$3 Bud Light Lime bottles, \$5 Sauza margaritas. \$5 suggested donation per bingo card benefits a different charity each week; 5400 N. Clark St. 773-784-6969.

JUNIOR'S

\$3 20-ounce Miller Lite and MGD drafts, \$6 Dos Lunas tequila sunrises; 724 W. Maxwell St. 312-421-

THE KERRYMAN

\$1 burgers; 661 N. Clark St. 312-335-8121.

LINCOLN STATION

25 cent jumbo wings, \$2.50 featured beer pints; 2432 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-8100.

MATISSE

\$3 burgers, \$4 beer of the month; 674 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-528-6670.

MICKEY'S TAVERN

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\$3 well drinks. \$4 domestic super mugs; 2428 N. Western Ave. 773-486-7774.

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Half-price appetizers and bottles of wine. \$2 domestic cans, \$3 Sierra pints, open mic 8 p.m.; 1028 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-290-6988.

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\$3 beer of the month, \$3 cheeseburgers and fries; 4157 N. Pulaski Rd. 773-279-9300.

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\$2 European pints, \$5 for a pound of wings; 3525 N. Clark St. 773-472-0900.

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 Bride Wars (PG) 11:50,2:20,5:15,8:00,10:40

 The Unborn (PG-13) 11:20,1:50,4:10,6:45,9:30

 Benjamin Button (PG-13) 11:10,3:00,6:30,10:10

 Bedtime Stories (PG) 1:30 P.M.

 Valkyrie (PG-13) 11:30,2:10,5:00,7:45,10:45

 Marley & Me (PG) 11:15,2:00,4:45,7:30,10:30

 Seven Pounds (PG-13) 4:00 P.M.

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2828 North Clark St., Chicago (773) 509-4949

- Che (NR) 1:30,7:15 Revo Road (R) 11:10,12:10,2:00,4:50,6:30,7:45,10:30
- The Reader (R) 12:00,3:15,6:45,9:50 Milk (R) 1:30,4:30,7:30,10:20
- Slumdog Mill (R) 11:00,1:45,3:00,4:40,7:40,9:20,10:30 Doubt (PG-13) 11:05,1:55,4:45,7:35,10:10

CITY NORTH 14 (KERASOTES)

2600 N Western Ave (800) 326-3264 #1642

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 Hotel for Dogs (PG) * 10:00,12:50,3:50,6:50,9:30

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 Not Easily (PG-13) * 10:15,12:43,3:20,6:20,9:10

 The Unborn (PG-13) * 10:15,12:43,3:20,6:20,9:10

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 Bedtime Stories (PG) 11:00,1:20,4:05,6:49,9:10

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DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

(773) 784-0893

- Doubt (PG-13) 12:30,2:45,5:00,7:15,9:30 Gran Torino (R) ★ 12:00,2:30,5:00,7:40,10:00 Benjamin Button (PG-13) 11:50,3:10,6:30,9:45 Slumdog Mill (R) 12:20,2:45,5:10,7:30,10:00

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)

(773) 582-1839

- Hotel for Dogs (PG) 10:40,1:05,5:25,6:00,8:30 Notorious (R) 11:00,12:00,2:00,3:00,5:00,6:00,7:00,8:00,9:00,10:0
- Blart: Mall Cop (PG) 10:30,12:45,2:55,5:10,7:20,9:35 AMC Select **Defiance** (R) 11:55,3:05,6:05,9:15

- The Unborn (PG−13) 11:05,12:05,1:20,2:20,3:45,4:45,6:45, 7:45,9:10,10:10
- **Bedtime Stories** (PG) 11:15,1:45,4:05,6:35 **Tale of Desp** (G) 11:30,2:05,4:30

164 State Street

Good Dick (R) 6:00

6341 N. McCormick at Devon Chicago

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(773) 252-0628 ■ Australia (PG=13) 2:15 5:15 8:10

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- My Bloody Val (R) 11:45,2:30,5:05,6:30,7:30,9:05,10:05 Not Easily (PG-13) 11:10,12:10,1:35,2:35,3:50,4:50,7:15,9:00,10:00
- AMC Select Gran Torino (R) 11:15,1:50,4:30,7:10,9:50
 Bride Wars (PG) 10:45,1:00,3:10,5:20,7:35,9:55

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- Pray the D (NR) 6:15,7:45

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- Four Chris (PG-13) 2:05,4:05,6:10,8:20 Tale of Desp (G) 2:10,4:15,6:25,8:30
- **MUSIC BOX**
- The Wrestler (R) 5:15.7:30.9:45

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)

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- AMC Select The best specialty films
- Chandni Chowk (PG-13) 12:45,4:10,7:30

- Seven Pounds (PG-13) 12:05,2:45,5:30,8:10

 AMC Select Vicky Cristina (PG-13) 11:50,4:45

 AMC Select Let the Right (R) 2:10,7:00

 AMC Select Rachel Getting (R) 12:20,3:00,5:40,8:20

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC) 322 E. Illinois Street 847-765-7262

- Show times change daily
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 AMC Select Milk (R) 10:30,1:30,4:40,7:40,10:50

 AMC Select Revo Road (R) 10:25,1:20,4:20,7:20,10:25

 AMC Select Frost/Nixon (R) 11:35,2:35,3:35,8:35

 AMC Select Slumdog Mill (R) 10:45,1:50,4:50,8:00,10:50

 AMC Select The Wrestler (R) 10:00,1:25,3:10,5:45,8:35,10:30

 AMC Select Last-Harvey (PG-13) 11:00,1:40,4:20,7:10,10:00

 Hotel for Dogs (PG) 10:15,1:25,0:3:00,6:10,8:45

 Blart: Mall Cop (PG) 10:40,1:15,3:45,6:15,8:45

 My Bloody Val (R) ◆ 11:30,2:15,5:00,7:45,10:40

 AMC Select Defiance (R) 10:00,1:00,4:05,7:20,10:45

 AMC Select The Reader (R) 10:25,1:25,4:25,7:25,10:25

 Not Easily (PG-13) 11:45,2:15,5:00,7:45,10:30

 AMC Select The Reader (R) 10:25,1:25,8:05,10:45

 Tide Wars (PG) 10:05,1:2:30,3:00,5:30,8:05,10:45

 Tride Wars (PG) 10:05,1:2:30,3:00,5:30,8:05,10:45

 The Unborn (PG-13) 11:45,2:04,3:07,7:00,9:20

 Benjamin Button (PG-13) 11:20,3:10,7:00,10:40

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- Notorious (R) ★ 12:20.3:10.6:05.8:50
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- Yes Man (PG-13) 2:00,4:50,7:50,10:25
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- WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES) 1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
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- Valkyrie (PG-13) 10:30,1:15,4:00,7:10,10:20 Frost/Nixon (R) 10:45.1:40.4:40.7:30.10:15

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Hat head is now stylish.

Thanks to trendsetters, the winter hats usually worn to keep you warm are now cool.

In the weather-diverse cities of Chicago, Seattle and New York, fedoras, berets and even trapper hats are among the favorites.

Hats have become an increasingly popular accessory over the past few years as women are treating them not as staples but as style statements, said Gregg Andrews, a fashion director for Seattle-based Nordstrom. To him, it follows a similar trend in winter coats.

Here are some popular styles.

Warm hats, Style

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Stars love the beret

The beret isn't exactly new—the silhouette can be traced for centuries to the French-Spanish border where fishermen and sailors wore them—but they've become especially ubiquitous this season after peppering runways at Chanel, Marc Jacobs and Ralph Lauren.

InStyle magazine has dubbed the topper as the celebrity hat of choice this season, turning up on Cameron Diaz and Rihanna.

Atlanta stylist Tamara Connor, who recently put a military-inspired version on rapper Young Jeezy, envisions the hat worn with oversized sweaters, leggings and boots, while Ann Watson, fashion director at Manhattan's Henri Bendel, has been attracted to a more refined look with a long coat and high boots.

"It's definitely versatile," says Kim Maxwell, head of Styles By Maxx fashion consulting in Atlanta. "I could see someone wearing a nice blazer with a turtleneck with, like, a really cute pencil skirt and some heels."

With a price range that starts at under \$20, it's also a favorite of recessionistas who are interested in fashion that doesn't require a payment plan.

Stylists identified three popular types:

The Che Guevara beret: Popped up on the side, stiff and stylish enough for dictatorship by day, Guardian Angel duty by night

French-style: Flopped onto the head just so, best accessorized with a paint palette and pencil mustache

Hippie style: The chunk-knit version—this season's hit—that looks more like a bonnet





Cameron Diaz looks stylish in berets.

Toast the trapper hat

The cold-weather topper with signature earflaps, worn by women and men alike, may seem like a fashion risk. But in the cold weather Chicago has been experiencing, does anyone really care? Here's a first-person account by New York-based AP writer Samantha Critchell:

The key to wearing a trapper hat on your head lies at your feet. This is the lesson learned when I wore one on several recent occasions.

I'll be the first to declare the first outing a fashion don't. It was a chilly but not cold day, and I was dressed in black wool pants, a long black wool coat and tall black boots. It was the perfect outfit for me to wear to a Manhattan office, except for the hat.

New Yorkers are far too preoccupied with themselves to notice my hat, but I thought I felt like I stood out like a sore thumb.

Did I mention the wooly hat has a Nordic Fair Isle pattern in rich jewel tones and faux-fur lining? I thought I'd probably never wear the hat again. But I did.

One morning, when there was a light dusting of snow, I grabbed the hat on my way out the door, again heading to work. But this time, because of the snow, I wore my rubber-tread L.L. Bean boots—and, like magic, the hat seemed fine—and this was still with my wool coat, mind you.

I've now worn my trapper hat (which came from Eddie Bauer and was originally priced at \$39.50) many more occasions: with a brown shearling coat, with a ski jacket in rural Vermont, with a fleece in suburban Connecticut. Each time, though, it's been with rugged, outdoorsy footwear.



New York-based AP writer Samantha Critchell wears her Eddie Bauer trapper hat. AP

Sure, it looks even better when also paired with jeans, turtleneck and chunky sweater, but I'm no longer self-conscious in it on the street. Maybe I'm comforted by its coziness.

The only comments I've heard from friends is that the trapper must be toasty for the coldest winter days. OK, a handful have also played with the flaps on the ears, but not to the point of annoying.

I have noticed many people wearing these hats this year. I don't know if it's because it's a bona fide trend like retailers were telling me earlier in the season, or if it's been colder, or if it's like when you get a new car and suddenly you start noticing that everyone else seems to have the same make and model.



Chic fedoras, cloches

Designer Eric Javits says hats can transform your look. If a beret is rakish, a fedora can

"Even though a fedora is menswear-inspired, it still has feminine touches," like a hat band of velvet or taffeta, said Gregg Andrews, a fashion director for Seattle-based Nordstrom. Like berets, fedoras also have been trimmed to fit women's smaller frames. For example, the brims on fedoras and trilbies are shorter, which tends to make people less selfconscious about wearing them, Javits said.

"With some of the small brims, you don't even notice you're wearing a hat. ... It's not in your way and you feel comfortable," he said. "People are looking for ease."

He even calls the cloche "a non-hat hat." It's very easy to wear, Javits said, mostly because it's a flattering oval shape—and you usually wear it over your ears so it's good in cold weather.



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Pisces

Feb. 19-March 20

You usually never make the first

move, but Mars is urging you to take charge. If you want that guy to throw you down on the bed and ravish you, get him started. If you're dying for that cute girl to become yours, confess your lusty fantasies.



Aries

March 21-April 19 It's time to go crazy. Show your

honey your wild side. Tell your boyfriend that you've scheduled a 24-hour sexual marathon. Or take your girl away for a surprise vacation to a remote and beautiful location. The sun says be creative.



Taurus

April 20-May 20 A moon opposition could have

you questioning the fundamentals of a relationship. Maybe you like someone, but you don't love him or her. Or maybe you're finding that your educational levels, ethnic backgrounds or religious beliefs clash. Be honest.



Gemini

May 21-June 21 Things are changing so fast for

you, you can barely keep up. Maybe you're starting a new job or moving to a different part of the country. Or perhaps a romance is becoming more serious instead of remaining just a casual thing. Mercury says it's all good.



Cancer

June 22-July 22 Passionate Venus has you mooning

around, wondering why love has

been so disappointing. Don't be a wimp. You need to take responsibility for your situation and work to change it. You can attract a fabulous soul mate if you set your mind to it.



Leo

July 23-Aug. 22 Winter isn't your thing. Kitty cats

prefer to languish in the hot sun instead of shivering all day. The sun opposite your sign isn't helping matters. Tell your honey you need extra cuddles, rubs and attention. You'll soon feel better.



Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Mercury retrograde always cre-

ates extra tension for you. The key to surviving the next few weeks is to engage in frequent lusty activities. Tell your partner you need tons of sexual therapy, and you want it now. Stress release will be yours.



Libra

Sept. 23-Oct. 23 With the sun moving into a

friendly sign, your energy levels and optimism are high. Finally, that embarrassing rash went away. At last, you've got that hair loss situation under control. And your latest bout of PMS didn't leave you a weepy mess. Woo-hoo!



Scorpio

Oct. 24-Nov. 21 You're in a lazy mood. You're

ready to be spoiled rotten. Tell your honey it's his turn to make dinner. Or notify your sweetheart that it's time for her to give you an all-over tongue bath. Venus reminds you to suggest this nicely, however.



Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You could receive some surpris-

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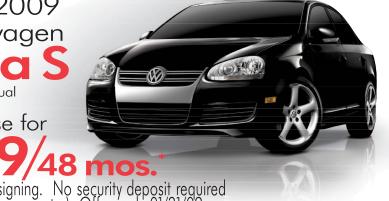
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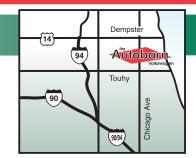
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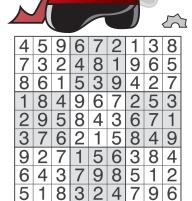
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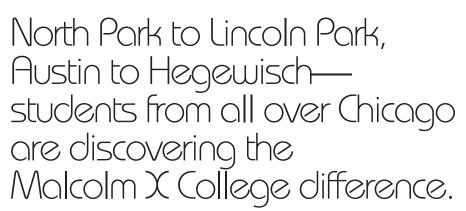
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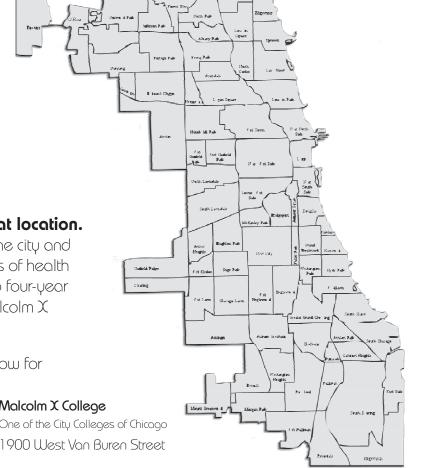
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What's up with Joaquin?

Have you heard about Joaquin Phoenix's latest act?

The star of the upcoming romance flick "Two Lovers," who has said he's going to shelve acting and move to singing, was taped performing a rap song Friday in Las Vegas. It was ... interesting, to say the least. "This is me saying this is who I am," Phoenix told People magazine before taking the stage to perform his clunky rap. "This is my story."

Well, his story just might make history in pop culture for its sheer awkwardness. After performing, the guy who once played super-cool Johnny Cash started hopping up and down, and then took a tumble as he descended from the stage. In honor of Phoenix's new ditty hitting the Web, here's a look at the real medal-winners in the annals of not-so-polished pop performances.



GOLD Ashlee Simpson-Wentz

In 2004, Simpson-Wentz was scheduled to sing a tune by the name of "Autobiography" on "Saturday Night Live." Instead, recorded vocals for "Pieces of Me" boomed over the loudspeakers. Her reaction? She did a hoedown and walked off the stage. Later, she blamed her band for starting up the wrong song. Awk-ward!



SILVER Britney Spears

Who can forget Spears' much-hyped "comeback" at the 2007 MTV Video Music Awards? After a year of bizarre public behavior—shaving her head, stints in rehab, legal battles—the pop tart was slated to make her reappearance in the mainstream media with a performance of "Gimme More" on the MTV awards show. The shaky performance

was panned nearly universally in the public. Her management company quit a week after the performance.



BRONZE Kanye West

In December, West appeared on "SNL" to perform "Love Lockdown" off his new album "808's and Heartbreak," which featured more straight-up singing than West's previous rap-heavy albums. Long story short: He was using an electronic tool for effect, it skipped and it looked like West was going to have an Ashlee moment. West, however, was able to

continue the song. No hoedowns necessary.



We asked RedEye's Twitter followers to comment on Joaquin Phoenix's awkward new rap video on the Web. And remember: Rapping with RedEye is never awkward. Sign up at twitter.com/redeyechicago.

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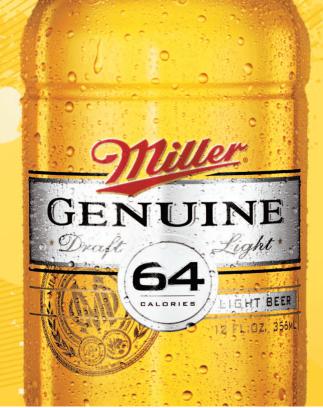
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It's time to Barack and roll!

With President-elect Obama's inauguration only days away, celebs got the party started Sunday with a concert on the National Mall.

From Usher to Mary J. Blige, there was no shortage of Alist performers celebrating Obama's historic moment, the AP reported. Bruce Springsteen sang "The Rising" with the help of a choir, and Beyonce closed out the show with a star sing-along of "America the Beautiful," according to people.com.

Meanwhile, Jamie Foxx gave a shoutout to the Chicagoans in attendance: "Chi-town, stand up!"

As the entire National Mall danced to Garth Brooks' rendition of "Shout!" Barack and Michelle Obama showed their daughters how to do the dance made famous in "Animal House." Even Obama's typically stoic mother-in-law threw her hands in the air and laughed.





THE VELVET ROPE

Lady Madonna

Looking to truly justify your love for Madonna? Have her naked. Christie's will auction off two photographs of the singer that are expected to fetch between \$10,000 and \$15,000 apiece. One features the full Madonna-full frontal nudity photographed in 1978 by American photographer by Lee Friedlander. The second shows her in a small black dress with stockings and a garter.

The French correction

Talk about an awards show faux pas: Katy Perry's "I Kissed a Girl" was mistakenly crowned best international song of the year at a French music awards show. But at the end of the show, the host announced there had been a mistake in the online votecounting, and that Rihanna had in fact won, for "Disturbia." Pardonez

Form a 'Line'

It's a beautiful day for U2 fans. The megaband on Friday released

the cover art-a relatively simple black-and-white design-and track list for its new album, "No Line On the Horizon," scheduled to drop in the U.S. on March 3. The first single off the album, "Get On Your Boots," will be released for digital purchase Feb. 15.

Split-stopper?

Amy Winehouse's husband may be seeking a divorce, but she won't give up without a fight. The singer is quoted in British newspaper The Sun as saying, "I still love my Blake [Fielder-Civil]," according to people.com. As for Josh Bowman, the guy she's been spotted with, she says he's "lovely. But it was a holiday thing. I've got my Blake."

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